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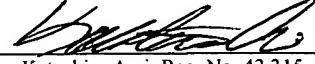
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### RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the communication from the Examiner mailed October 6, 2005. In response to the election/restriction requirement set forth in the communication, Applicant elects species a) directed to Figs. 2A, 8, 18, 20B, 39A, and 40A, to which the claims shall be restricted in no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Claims 1-13 and 19-21 are readable on the elected species. This election is made without traverse.

No fees are believed due for the present Amendment, however, should any fees be due, please charge them to our deposit account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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